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**COMMUNITYCHURCH**



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WHAT DOESN'T KILL YOU MAKES YOU  
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**I had boasted to him about you, and you have not embarrassed me. But just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting about you to Titus has proved to be true as well... I am glad I can have complete confidence in you.**

***2 Corinthians 7:14-16 NIV***

**Reasons people give for not giving:**  
Tithing is an Old Testament obligation,  
but Christians have been set free from the  
OT Law.





**Reasons people give for not giving:**  
God loves a cheerful giver, and I'm too stressed and strapped to give cheerfully.



**Reasons people give for not giving:**  
I don't trust the church to manage my gifts properly, so I'll do my giving elsewhere.



**Reasons people give for not giving:**  
I am a generous person! I give every time I  
feel moved to give!



**Reasons people give for not giving:**  
I am a generous person! But others are  
taking care of things just fine.





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# 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-5

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Joy + Poverty =  
**RICH GENEROSITY**

# 2 CORINTHIANS 8:6-9





Financial **HARDSHIP** is an  
Opportunity for **GRACE**

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# 2 CORINTHIANS 8:10-15



The goal is equality / **MUTUALITY.**

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# 2 CORINTHIANS 8:16-9:5

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# 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-11

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God fully **EMPOWERS GIVERS.**

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**Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.**

***Malachi 3:10 NIV***

**At the end of every three years, bring all the tithes of that year's produce and store it in your towns, so that the Levites (who have no allotment or inheritance of their own) and the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns may come and eat and be satisfied, and so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.**

***Deuteronomy 14:28-29 NIV***



**...you must cancel any debt your fellow Israelite owes you. However, there need be no poor people among you, for in the land the LORD your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you, if only you fully obey the LORD your God... For the LORD your God will bless you as he has promised, and you will lend to many nations but will borrow from none...**

***Deuteronomy 15:3-6 NIV***

**Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.**

***Deuteronomy 15:10-11 NIV***



# 2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-15



Thanks be to God for his  
**INDESCRIBABLE GIFT!**

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